Education perspective for Open Schooling

4418. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMEOT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Conference on Enterprising Community through "Education : Perspective for Open Schooling" was recently held at New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details of deliberations taken at the meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The deliberations were held on various issues pertaining to general, life enrichment and vocational education from primary to pre-degree level and sixty four papers were presented and discussed in the Conference.

Funding Pattern for Universities

4419. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.G.C. lias come-up with a new proposal on the Funding Pattern for Universities of State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would propose some changes in the Funding Pattern of Union Government for Universities under U.G.C. and State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has come up with a new proposal for funding pattern for the State Univers ties wherein it would be funding the building projects on 100% basis as against the earlier pattern of funding on sharing basis with the State Government.

Task force on participation of women in Higher Education

†4420. SHRIMATI SAvTTA SHARDA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a task force in view of the fact that the participation cf women in higher education sector is very low and specific measures are required to be taken therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.